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Senator Linda Coleman

Senator Linda Coleman was elected to the Alabama Senate, November 7, 2006, having previously served one term in the Alabama House of Representatives District 60, and three terms on the Birmingham City Council. Senator Coleman received her Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama A&M University, and her Masters of Arts degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Professionally she is an Americans with Disabilities Compliance Officer. Senator Coleman serves on the board of directors for the Birmingham Area Chapter of the American Red Cross where where is Chairman of Volunteers, the Positive Maturity Board in Jefferson County and serves as State Director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc. She is a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Fairfield.

#### Committees:

- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Confirmations
- Finance and Taxation, Education
- Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability
- Governmental Affairs
- Health (Chairperson)
- Local Legislation No. 2
- Small Business and Economic Development



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Senator Butler, born April 9, 1944, in Huntsville, Alabama, is serving his fourth term in the Senate after serving from 1982-1994 in the House of Representatives. He received his degrees from the University of Alabama and Auburn University. Senator Butler and his wife, Karen, are the parents of two children: Robin and Jill. He is a Pharmacist/Health Underwriter, Baptist, Democrat, and is a member of the Optimist, the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association, and the North Alabama Health Underwriters Association, Senator Butler enjoys golf, hiking, and white water rafting.

#### Committees:

- · Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Children, Youth Affairs and Human Resources (Chairperson)
- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Conservation and Forestry
- Finance and Taxation, Education
- Finance and Taxation, General Fund
- Health (Deputy Chairperson)
- Local Legislation No. 1
- Industrial Development and Recruitment



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Senator Means was born in Attalla on April 20, 1947, and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Jacksonville State University. Having served the City of Attalla as both a City Councilman and Mayor, Senator Means is serving his third term in the Senate and is a Democrat. He is married to the former Karen Gidley of Attalla and they have two children: Tanya and Brent. He is a member of Attalla First Baptist Church, a member of the Attalla Lions Club, serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a former chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Senator Means enjoys golf, fishing and hunting.

#### Committees:

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Vice Chairperson)
- · Business and Labor
- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Confirmations
- Energy and Natural Resources (Vice Chairperson)
- Finance and Taxation Education
- Governmental Affairs
- Health (Vice Chairperson)
- Industrial Development and Recruitment (Chairperson)



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SENATOR ROGER H. BEDFORD, JR. (D)

6th District (Colbert, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, Winston)



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Senator Bedford, is serving his sixth term in the Senate. Born on July 2, 1956, he received his education at the University of Alabama, and his law degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. He is an attorney, a conservative Democrat, a Baptist, a Rotarian, and belongs to the Alabama Bar Association, the Cattlemen's Association, the NRA, Ducks Unlimited, American Cancer Society, Executive member of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Tennessee Valley Council. He is married to the former Maudie Darby from Florence and they are the parents of one child: Roger, III.

#### Committees:

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Confirmations
- Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections
- Energy and Natural Resources (Deputy Chairperson)
- Finance and Taxation, Education
- Finance and Taxation, General Fund (Chairperson)
- Health
- Judiciary
- Local Legislation No. 1
- Rules



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Senator Priscilla Dunn was born on October 8, 1943. She received her B.S. from Alabama State University and M.A. from the University of Montevallo. She and her husband, Grover, are the parents of a daughter, Karen. Senator Dunn works as the Homeless Education Coordinator for the Bessemer City Schools. She is a Trustee and Sunday School teacher for the Shady Grove Baptist Church. Senator Dunn also serves on the Board of Directors for the Bessemer Civic Center, as President of the Humanistic Challengers Federated Club, Secretary of Girls, Inc. of Central Alabama and as an instructor for the Jefferson County Congress of Christian Education. Additionally, she is President of the Concerned Citizens of Bessemer Cut-Off and is the coordinator for the Jefferson County Democratic Conference. Senator Dunn is also a member of the Jefferson/Shelby Counties American Cancer Society Advisory Board and serves on the Board for the State Democratic Executive Committee.

#### Committees:

- Banking and Insurance
- Business and Labor (Chairperson)
- Education
- Finance and Taxation General Fund
- Governmental Affairs
- Health
- Local Legislation 2



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Senator French, a Republican, is serving his third term in the Senate. He was born May 22, 1962, in Lynchburg, Virginia. He received a Bachelor's degree in Personnel and Industrial Relations from Auburn University. Senator French is a member of Canterbury United Methodist Church, where he serves on the Church's Administrative Council. He is married to the former Elizabeth "Betsy" Orcutt of Birmingham. They have four daughters: Alex, Sally, Lizzie and Virginia.

Senator French is an investment and insurance specialist, concentrating in the areas of estate planning, asset protection, and wealth creation. He holds a number of professional licenses issued by the National Association of Securities Dealers, and those issued by the State of Alabama's Department of Insurance. Those designations include: Series 7 and Series 63 brokerage licenses, life insurance, health insurance, and property and casualty insurance licenses.

Senator French has an extensive background in Republican politics, both in Alabama and nationally, Senator French served as Director of the Alabama Republican Party, 1988-1991. He was subsequently hired by the Republican National Committee as one of seven Regional Political Directors, serving in that capacity until Spring, 1992. He was then hired as Alabama campaign manager for the Bush/Quayle '92 campaign. After the 1992 election cycle, Senator French established a political consulting company, where he worked on numerous legislative, judicial and federal campaigns before retiring upon his election to the Alabama Senate in 1998.

Senator French served as the Organizational Chairman for the George W. Bush for President Campaign in 2000, and the 6th Congressional District chairman for the Bush/Cheney '04 campaign.

Senator French serves on the Alabama Commission on Infrastructure and SMART Governing Legislative Task Force.

Among the awards presented to Senator French during his tenure as a State Senator are the following: 2000 Statesmanship Award; 2001 Outstanding Conservative Senator Award; 2002 Lawmaker of the Year, awarded by the Alabama Independent Insurance Agents. He is an alumnus of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). Senator French is also an honorary Fellow and board member of the Policy Exchange Foundation.

By appointment of the Lieutenant Governor, Senator French serves as a member of the Energy Council and the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee.

#### Committees:

- · Finance and Taxation, General Fund
- Health
- Industrial Development and Recruitment
- Local Legislation No. 2 (Vice Chairperson)
- Rules



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**SENATOR HINTON MITCHEM** 

(D)

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Senator Mitchem is serving his eighth term in the Senate after serving one term in the House of Representatives. Born in Oconee County, Georgia on May 18, 1938, he is the owner of Hinton Mitchem Tractor Co., Inc. He received his B.S. degree in Education from the University of Georgia. Senator Mitchem is the father of three children: Todd, Tonya, and Derrick. He is a Democrat, a Presbyterian, and a Rotarian. He enjoys golf and traveling in his spare time. Senator Mitchem was elected President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate on January 9, 2007, and resigned that position on February 5, 2009.

#### Committees:

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Confirmations (Chairperson)
- Finance and Taxation General Fund
- Health
- Rules
- Veterans and Military Affairs



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Senator Penn is serving his second term in the Alabama Senate, having previously held office as Chairman of the Bullock County Commission. He was born March 17, 1972 in Macon County. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law. He is a practicing attorney. Senator Penn is a Methodist, a member of the Alabama Bar Association, Bullock County Partners in Education, Bullock County YMCA Board of Directors and the Union Springs Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies include reading, writing, fishing, hunting, physical fitness, kayaking and sponsoring youth activities. Senator Penn and his wife, Karen, reside in Union Springs.

#### Committees:

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Confirmations (Vice Chairperson)
- Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics and Elections
- Economic Expansion and Trade
- Education
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Finance and Taxation, General Fund
- Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability
- Governmental Affairs
- Health
- Judiciary (Chairperson)
- Tourism and Marketing



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Senator Ross is serving his second term in the Alabama Senate. He was born October 30, 1968, in Mobile. He received a B.S. Degree in Political Science, and an M.A. Degree in Education from Alabama State University. He is currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law. He is the Director of the Adult Education Consortium of H. Trenholm State Technical College. He is married to J. Kelley Ross and they have two sons, Quinmari T. Ross and Quinton T. Ross, III. Senator Ross is a member of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

#### Committees:

- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities (Chairperson)
- Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections (Chairperson)
- Education
- **Energy and Natural Resources**
- Finance and Taxation, Education
- Governmental Affairs
- <u>Health</u>
- Rules
- Tourism and Marketing
- Veterans and Military Affairs



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Senator Harri Anne Smith, a native of Slocomb, is a graduate of Slocomb High School and received her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. She began her public service career as a member of the Slocomb City Council in 1989, was elected Mayor of Slocomb in 1996. She was elected to the Alabama State Senate in 1998 and re-elected in 2002 and 2006 and was rated as the *Most Conservative Member of the Senate in 2004*.

Following a family tradition of commitment to community and business development, she serves as Executive Vice President for Friend Bank, but also works on a wide-ranging list of economic development programs.

As Mayor of Slocomb she served as President of the Second Congressional District League of Municipalities and, as a member of the Board of the Southeast Regional Development Council, she combined her professional expertise with her broad-based knowledge of community needs to assist in planning and grant procurement assistance for water, sewer, road and other infrastructure programs for the communities of the Wiregrass and in her service. She also served on the State of Alabama Agribusiness Council, the City of Slocomb Planning and Development Committee, and she continues that development work today as a member of Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Revolving Loan Fund.

For many years, she has been an integral part of the United Way serving as 1993 Chair of the Geneva County United Way Board, Chair of the Geneva County Campaign in 1995 and 2003 and most recently as 2005 Campaign Chair of the Wiregrass Area campaign, the first woman ever to serve in that capacity, generating record contributions of more than \$2 million.

Her past community involvement includes participation as President of the Slocomb Jaycees; a member of the Legislative Committees of both the Alabama League of Municipalities and the Alabama Bankers Association; and as a member of the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging and Organ Transplants of Alabama.

Over the years, Senator Smith has received many awards for community involvement and service. Most recently she was named 2005 Humanitarian of the Year by the Arthritis Foundation of Greater Dothan. She received the American Heart Association's "Outstanding Advocate Award" in 2001 and the Alabama State Anesthesiologist Association's "2001 Legislator of the Year Award."

In 2002, she was named "Alumni of the Year" by Troy State University Dothan and the Slocomb City Council named Senator Smith "Outstanding Citizen of the Decade." The National Association of Social Worker's Southeast Alabama Chapter also named her "Elected Public Official of the Year 2002." In 1999 she was named "Slocomb High School Alumnus of the Year" and the City of Slocomb 1999 "Woman of the Year Award."

Her advocacy work for children has earned recognition by Girls Incorporated as their 1998 "Role Model of the Year," by the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center in 2002 as a "Friend of Children" and she was awarded the Dothan Education Association's "Friend of Education" award for 2002-2003.

Senator Smith is a member of 10 Standing Senate committees including: The Committee on Rules; Veterans & Military Affairs; Finance and Taxation Education; Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Transportation and Utilities; Governmental Affairs; Health; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Confirmations; and Local Legislation No.1.

She was awarded The National Federation of Small Business "Guardian of Small Business" award for 2002 through 2006. She was inducted into the Sergeant Dixie Club of the Alabama Defense Force and is a member of the National Rifle Association and the Association of the United States Army.

Senator Smith works as a volunteer in Republican campaigns at the local and state level.

Her husband, Charlie Smith, is a native of Geneva and serves as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. Harri Anne and Charlie live in Slocomb, Alabama where they are members of the First Baptist Church.

#### Committees:

- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce, Transportation and Utilities
- Confirmations
- Finance and Taxation, Education
- Governmental Affairs
- Health
- Local Legislation No. 1
- Veterans and Military Affairs (Vice Chairman)
- Rules



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Senator Little was born in Cullman on August 24, 1968, and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law of Samford University. He is serving his third term in the Senate and is a Democrat. Senator Little is an attorney and is married to the former Deanna Smith of Cullman. They have two children: a son, Zebulon Peyton, Jr., and a daughter, Emily Britt. He is a member of St. John's United Church, the Alabama State and Cullman County Bar Associations, the Bar Associations of the United States District Court for the Northern and Middle Districts of Alabama.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 47(a), Senator Little was appointed Senate Floor Leader and Majority Leader by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the 2002-2006 quadrennium, and reappointed on January 16, 2007 for the current quadrennium. Under Rule 47(c), the Senate Floor Leader serves as a voting Member of all Senate Standing Committees, except those pertaining to local legislation. The Senate Floor Leader may designate in writing, to the Secretary of the Senate, the name of a Senator to represent him on any Senate Standing Committee upon which he serves by virtue of this Rule, provided such designee is not already a Member of such Committee, and provided that such designation not extend beyond one year without further notification to the Secretary.

#### Committees:

 Pursuant to Senate Rule 47(c), the Senate Majority Leader serves on all Senate standing committees, with the exception of the local



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Senator Jabo Waggoner

Senator Waggoner, born in Birmingham, Alabama, on January 8, 1937, is serving his fifth term in the Senate after serving from 1966-1983 in the House of Representatives. Senator Waggoner, President, Birmingham Business Consultants, LLC, received his B.A. degree from Birmingham Southern College and his J.D. degree from Birmingham School of Law. He and his wife Marilyn are the parents of four children: Scott (deceased), Mark, Lyn Waggoner Kilpatrick, and Jay. Senator Waggoner is a Republican and a member of the Homewood Church of Christ. He serves on the following boards: United Cerebral Palsy, Metropolitan Development Board, Better Business Bureau, Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau, Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, and Pinnacle Bank. He served as head coach of the Birmingham Touchdown Club and was president of the Birmingham Tip-Off Club.

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Pursuant to Senate Rule 47(i), Senator Waggoner was elected Senate Minority Leader in the 2002-2006 quadrennium, and re-elected for the current quadrennium on January 16, 2007. Under the provisions of Rule 47(j), Senator Waggoner, as Senate Minority Leader, is a voting member of all Senate Standing Committees, except the local legislation committees and the Rules Committee.

Senator Waggoner has the longest record of service, of any legislator from Jefferson County, in Alabama history.

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